

count it has become necessary to provide for the release of papers on technical or very specialized subjects, so that such manuscripts may be printed in specialty journals.

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Resolution and Action Taken.—The resolution which the Section Officers and Scientific Program Committee recommended and which has been accepted by the Executive Committee, follows:

"After consideration of the decision of the Council, and a study of the discussion pertinent thereto—in connection with the limitation of papers to be presented on the several section programs, and the recommendation that the officers of each section designate which papers of their respective sections shall be published—we, the Program Committee for the sixty-first annual session of the California Medical Association, respectfully submit the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the Council be urged to go on record to the effect that papers for presentation at the annual session are accepted for reading, but that publication in our official journal, CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, cannot be guaranteed; and that publication of this decision, with a proper explanation of its necessity, be accorded a prominent place in our official journal. An editorial regarding this matter is our suggestion."

SOME CULTIST MEDICINE EMANATIONS

Nonsectarian and Sectarian Proponents Have No Common Basis for Discussion.—As a rule, members of the medical profession who have been trained in and who practice nonsectarian medicine pay very little attention to the sectarian activities of cultist practitioners.

This indifference may be explained in part by the fact that a discussion by individuals of respective beliefs, policies or activities, when one group approaches its work with a nonsectarian background and outlook, while the other expresses itself from the standpoint of sectarian and often preformed beliefs, in the nature of things, cannot lead to harmony of opinion. Those who are nonsectarians and who approach scientific work with open minds and in the light of knowledge as brought forth from day to day, can find no common basis of understanding with those who attempt to solve scientific problems with a sectarian viewpoint background or with premises based on preconceived theories.

Two other reasons for noncommunion between nonsectarians and sectarians, so far as healing art practice is concerned, rest on the higher educational and training standards which are demanded in acceptable nonsectarian institutions of healing art learning, and also on the very different approach by the nonsectarian group to ethical, commercial and publicity activities.

Abstract discussions of certain phases of sectarian or cultist medicine are therefore, in one sense, useless. Nevertheless, persons, organizations and institutions should be judged by what they are and what the records show, rather than by what may be adroitly professed. There should be no objection to giving publicity to records, if the records present the true facts. Thus it may be

assumed that letters gotten by a group, by themselves and for themselves, present the truth as the sponsors of the letters understand the same. With that thought in mind, this number of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE prints copies of two series of letters, which should stimulate thought as to their meaning, intent and significance.

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First, as Regards Some Letters Sent Out by a School of Chiropractic.—Elsewhere in this issue are printed a series of letters and enclosures sent out by one of the chiropractic schools of California. The general tone of the letters and the information contained therein concerning the curricula of this cultist group should not be without interest. Especially important, however, are the letters dealing with chiropractic courses in medicine and surgery and the implied suggestion that those persons who take such courses may, by action of a future legislature, later be rewarded with licenses to practice medicine and surgery in California. (See Miscellany column, page 294.)

No less interesting than the above series of letters, is an excerpt from this year's report of the Board of Medical Examiners, recently off the press, in which the change of name of a chiropractic school is commented upon. It seems strange that in a great commonwealth such as California, and in this enlightened day and age, that the safeguards thrown about the granting of degrees, professional and of other kinds, should have been so insufficient as are there indicated. (For this excerpt, see page 298.)

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Second, as Regards a Letter Sent Out by Some Osteopathic Groups.—Of lesser interest, but also, not the less without its lesson, is the manner in which some organizations in the osteopathic profession recently proposed to start child welfare clinics in churches, seemingly with no other equipment than a spare room. Here is seen an approach to clinic work that is in strong contrast to the modern day standards set up by nonsectarian medicine. (For copies of these letters, see page 301.)

It has been stated to us that one church pastor who called up in regard to equipment that might be needed was told that nothing other than a spare room was necessary, but that it was most desirable that the letter be read from the pulpit. Whether this pulpit publicity was intended to attract patients to the clinic or to lay the foundation for reputation in altruistic endeavor, is not known.

The communications are reprinted and submitted for whatever worth they may have. Readers of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE can come to their own conclusions in regard thereto. The copies of letters that are reprinted in this issue certainly contain much food for thought. Their meaning is not only to be interpreted by what is said, but by what is implied between the lines.